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# Smokejumper Obituary

## **Taber, Robert "Bob" (Redding 1966)**

Bob, 71, died Dec. 4, 2012, in Fresno, California, from a blood clot while undergoing cancer treatment.

He earned a degree in Forestry from Humboldt State College and worked in fire management in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest's Hayfork Ranger District in the early 1960s. Bob transferred to the Sierra National Forest's Pineridge Ranger District as the district fuels management officer.

He trained and jumped at Redding in 1966, then returned to jump the 1969-72 seasons. He then worked in facilities maintenance in the Pineridge district, resigning to open a home contracting business along with another former Forest Service employee.

Bob and his wife, Sue, became involved in missionary work, serving in Poland for eight years just prior to his death.

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